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# Water Supply Outlook For Arizona



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AS OF  
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## TO RECIPIENTS OF WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK REPORTS:

Most of the usable water in western states originates as mountain snowfall. This snowfall accumulates during the winter and spring, several months before the snow melts and appears as streamflow. Since the runoff from precipitation as snow is delayed, estimates of snowmelt runoff can be made well in advance of its occurrence. Streamflow forecasts published in this report are based principally on measurement of the water equivalent of the mountain snowpack.

Forecasts become more accurate as more of the data affecting runoff are measured. All forecasts assume that climatic factors during the remainder of the snow accumulation and melt season will interact with a resultant average effect on runoff. Early season forecasts are therefore subject to a greater change than those made on later dates.

The snow course measurement is obtained by sampling snow depth and water equivalent at surveyed and marked locations in mountain areas. A total of about ten samples are taken at each location. The average of these are reported as snow depth and water equivalent. These measurements are repeated in the same location near the same dates each year.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly from January 1 through June 1 in most states. There are about 1900 snow courses in Western United States and in the Columbia Basin in British Columbia. Networks of automatic snow water equivalent and related data sensing devices, along with radio telemetry are expanding and will provide a continuous record of snow water and other parameters at key locations.

Detailed data on snow course and soil moisture measurements are presented in state and local reports. Other data on reservoir storage, summaries of precipitation, current streamflow, and soil moisture conditions at valley elevations are also included. The report for Western United States presents a broad picture of water supply outlook conditions, including selected streamflow forecasts, summary of snow accumulation to date, and storage in larger reservoirs.

Snow survey and soil moisture data for the period of record are published by the Soil Conservation Service by states about every five years. Data for the current year is summarized in a West-wide basic data summary and published about October 1 of each year.

*COVER PHOTO: VIEW OF A SNOTEL DATA SITE IN THE SNOWY RANGE IN WYOMING. TALL CYLINDRICAL DEVICE IS A PRECIPITATION GAGE. SNOW PILLOWS ON THE GROUND NOT VISIBLE DUE TO SNOW COVER. SHELTER HOUSE, ANTENNA TOWER, ANTENNA, AND TEMPERATURE UNIT ARE VISIBLE BEHIND THE PRECIPITATION GAGE.*

## PUBLISHED BY SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

The Soil Conservation Service publishes reports following the principal snow survey dates from January 1 through June 1 in cooperation with state water administrators, agricultural experiment stations and others. Copies of the reports for Western United States and all state reports may be obtained from Soil Conservation Service, West Technical Service Center, Room 510, 511 N.W. Broadway, Portland, Oregon 97209.

Copies of state and local reports may also be obtained from state offices of the Soil Conservation Service in the following states:

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# ***WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR ARIZONA***

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FEDERAL - STATE - PRIVATE COOPERATIVE SNOW SURVEYS

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*Looking north toward Humphreys Peak from Agassiz Snow Course  
in the Inner Basin of the San Francisco Peaks. With an  
elevation of 12,633, this is the highest point in Arizona.*

ARIZONA SUMMARY  
as of  
FEBRUARY 1, 1979

THE WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK FOR ARIZONA IS EXCELLENT.  
MANY RESERVOIRS ARE FULL TO OPERATING LEVEL NOW,  
AND THE SPRING RUNOFF WILL FILL THE REST.

## SNOW COVER

Snow cover is over twice normal for this date on all Arizona watersheds, with many high elevation snow courses measuring record amounts for so early in the season. Eight to ten feet of snow covers the top of the San Francisco Peaks, the White Mountains and the Mogollon Mountains.

On January 15 there was very little snow below 7000' and less than 15% of the watershed was snow covered; now the snow line is about 4000' and 75% of the watershed is covered.

## PRECIPITATION

Record precipitation has occurred since November 1 with amounts of 20-30" common at the higher elevations. This amounts to about 300% of average. Stations receiving some of the largest amounts were Mormon Mountain, 26"; Crown King, 28", Hannagan Meadows, 27"; Workman Creek, 30", and Mt. Lemmon, 32".

## SOIL MOISTURE

With the excessive rainfall the last three months, soil moisture is very high throughout all watersheds. The recurrence of storms every few days has kept soils so wet water yield has been extremely high. Yields will continue to be high from future warm storms occurring in the next few weeks.

## STREAMFLOW

The extremely warm and heavy precipitation on a very wet watershed produced excessive runoff in December. Record or near record volume and peak flows occurred on the Salt, Verde, Tonto and Gila Rivers. The high runoff plus the nearly full reservoirs produced the highest flow through Phoenix since 1905.

The possibility of a similar occurrence now depends entirely on the temperature and magnitude of future storms. A very heavy very warm storm could produce another high flow, but heavy cold storms will only increase snow pack and late season runoff.

The February-May runoff is expected to be two to three times average with about one million acre-feet expected on the Salt, Verde and Tonto combined and 315,000 on the Gila above San Carlos Reservoir.

## RESERVOIR STORAGE

The heavy runoff this winter has filled all reservoirs to operating levels except San Carlos and Lyman Reservoir. Both of these should fill later this year, making it the first time San Carlos has ever been full.

Controlled releases into the Salt River have been necessary and will continue at varying rates depending upon future storms.

## WATER SUPPLIES

Much above normal water supplies are assured for Arizona with a substantial amount of carryover storage available for next year.



ABOUT  
STREAMFLOW FORECASTS FEBRUARY 1, 1979

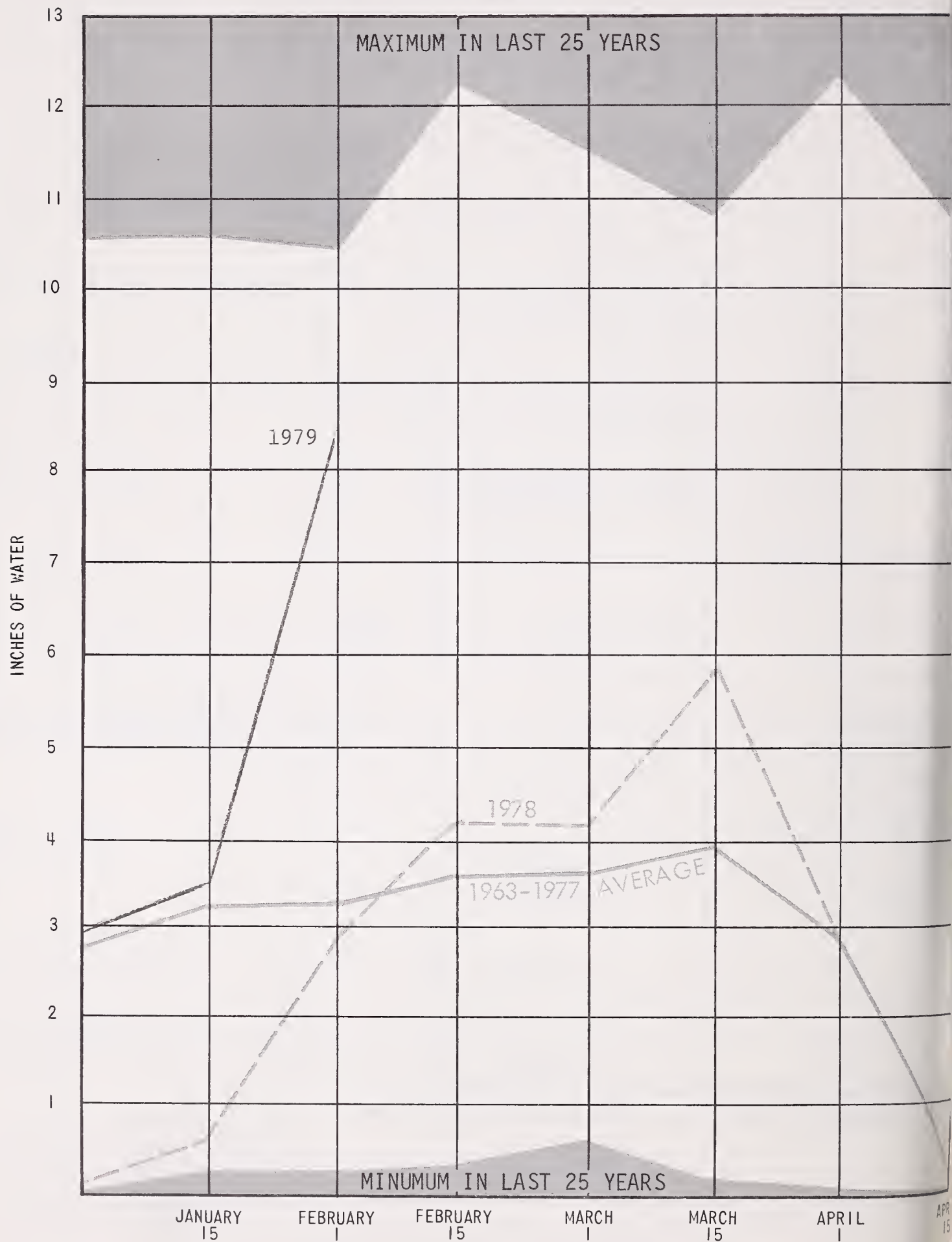
STREAMFLOW FORECASTS		FEBRUARY 1, 1979		THIS YEAR		PAST RECORD	
BASIN, STREAM and/or FORECAST POINT		FORECAST		FORECAST PERIOD	THOUSAND ACRE FEET		
		Thousand Acre Feet	Percent of Average		Last Year	Average †	
<u>SALT RIVER DRAINAGE</u>							
Salt near Roosevelt		600	198	Feb-May	987.9	302.3	
"		120	243	February	102.7	49.3	
Tonto Creek near Roosevelt		70	165	Feb-May	95.6	42.3	
"		25	184	February	56.7	13.6	
Verde River above Horseshoe		317	172	Feb-May	818.3	184.0	
"		60	142	February	114.8	42.2	
Total Salt River Project Streams		987	187	Feb-May	1901.8	528.6	
"		205	195	February	274.2	105.1	
<u>GILA RIVER DRAINAGE</u>							
Gila River at Calva		315	332	Feb-May	182.0	94.8	
Gila River near Gila		140	267	Feb-May	69.2	52.5	
Gila River near Solomon		380	292	Feb-May	275.1	130.0	
"		130	370	February	21.0	35.1	
Gila River near Virden		190	285	Feb-May	122.3	66.6	
Frisco River at Clifton 2/		180	281	Feb-May	100.8	64.0	
Frisco River at Glenwood 2/		80	268	Feb-May	41.3	29.8	
<u>LITTLE COLORADO RIVER DRAINAGE</u>							
Little Colo. River above Lyman Dam		32	288	Feb-June	9.0	11.1	
Greer 1/		17	224	Feb-June	---	7.6	
<u>GRANITE CREEK DRAINAGE</u>							
Granite Creek		6	---	Feb-May	---	---	
Willow Creek		2	---	Feb-May	---	---	
<u>MIMBRES RIVER DRAINAGE</u>							
Mimbres River near Mimbres		12	293	Feb-May	---	4.1*	
<u>COLORADO RIVER DRAINAGE</u>							
Virgin River near Littlefield 2/		93	194	Apr-June	89.2	47.9	
Lake Mary Inflow		7	---	Feb-May	---	5.0*	
1/ Includes Filler Ditch Diversion							
† Based on 15-year period, 1963-77							
* Average for less than 15 yrs.							
2/ Frisco & Virgin River forecasts prepared by National Weather Service.							



# RESERVOIR STORAGE (Thousand Acre Feet) FEBRUARY 1, 1979

BASIN or STREAM	RESERVOIR	Usable Capacity	Usable Storage		
			This Year	Last Year	Average†
<u>GILA RIVER DRAINAGE</u>					
Agua Fria	Lake Pleasant	157.6	151.9	13.5	71.1
Granite	Watson Lake	4.7	4.6	2.1	2.5
Granite	Willow Creek	6.1	6.1	.99	---
Gila	San Carlos	1,073	819.5	28.7	232.8
Salt (4)	Roosevelt, Apache, Canyon & Saguaro	1,755	1,460.7	497.4	1,185
Verde (2)	Bartlett and Horseshoe	310.0	234.3	71.5	124.5
Salt and Verde	6 Salt River Project Reservoirs	2,065	1,695.0	568.9	1,309.5
<u>COLORADO RIVER DRAINAGE</u>					
Colorado	Lake Havasu	619.4	532.8	555.8	543.8
Colorado	Lake Mohave	1,810	1,734.5	1,683	1,658
Colorado	Lake Mead	26,159	22,747.0	20,959	17,576
Colorado	Lake Powell	25,002	15,224.0	14,771	10,038
Little Colorado	Lyman	30.6	9.6	5.8	16.94
Little Colorado	Show Low Lake	5.1	5.1	0.5	1.6
† Based on 15-year average, 1963, 1977					
* Average is for less than 15 years of record.					

# AVERAGE SNOW COVER ARIZONA 1979

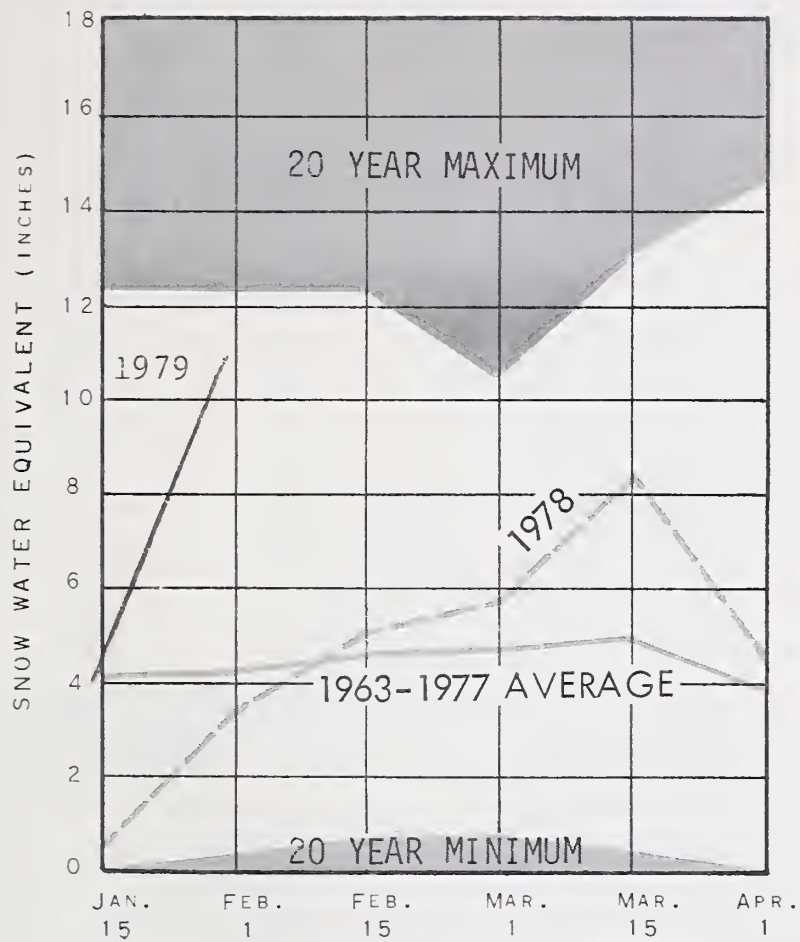


*This graph represents the average snow water content on eleven selected snow courses on Arizona Sub-Watersheds.*

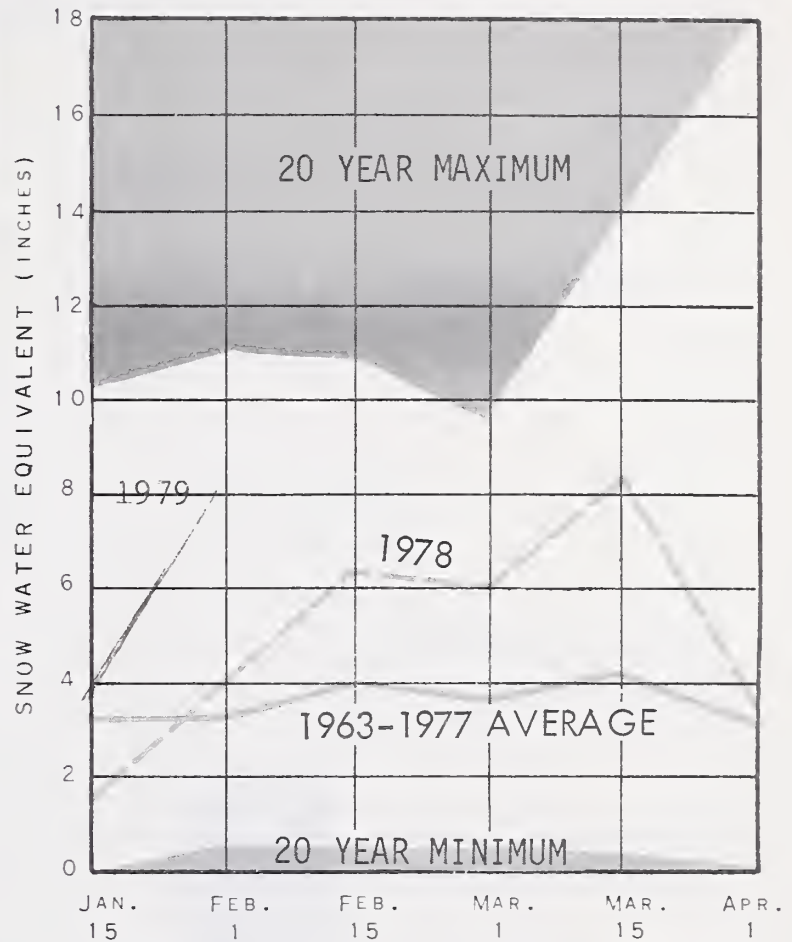


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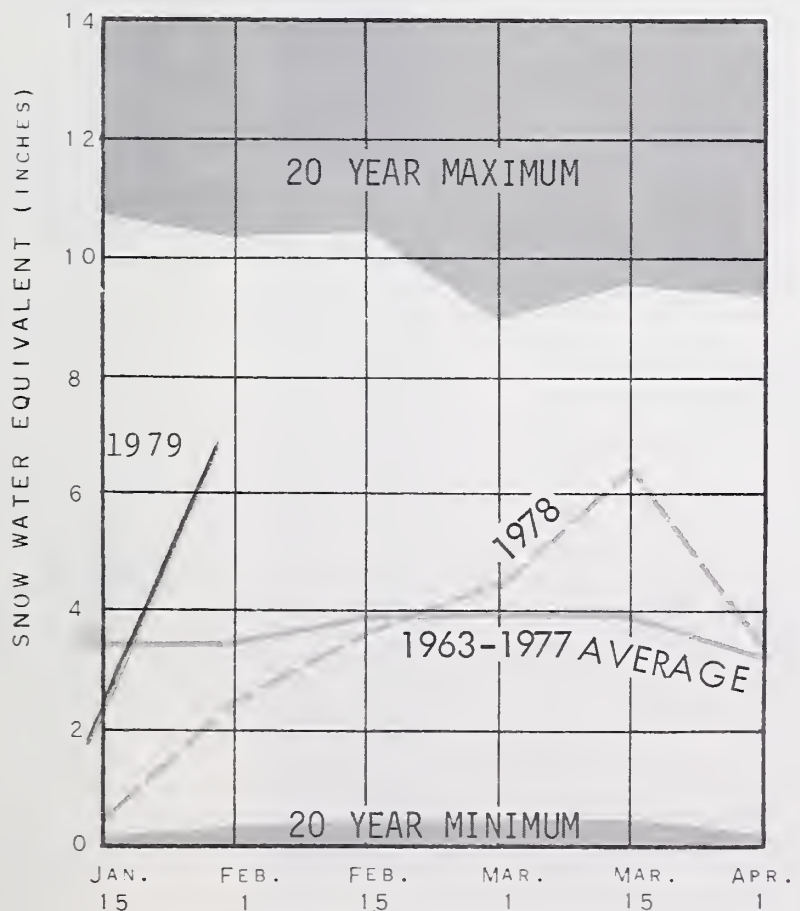
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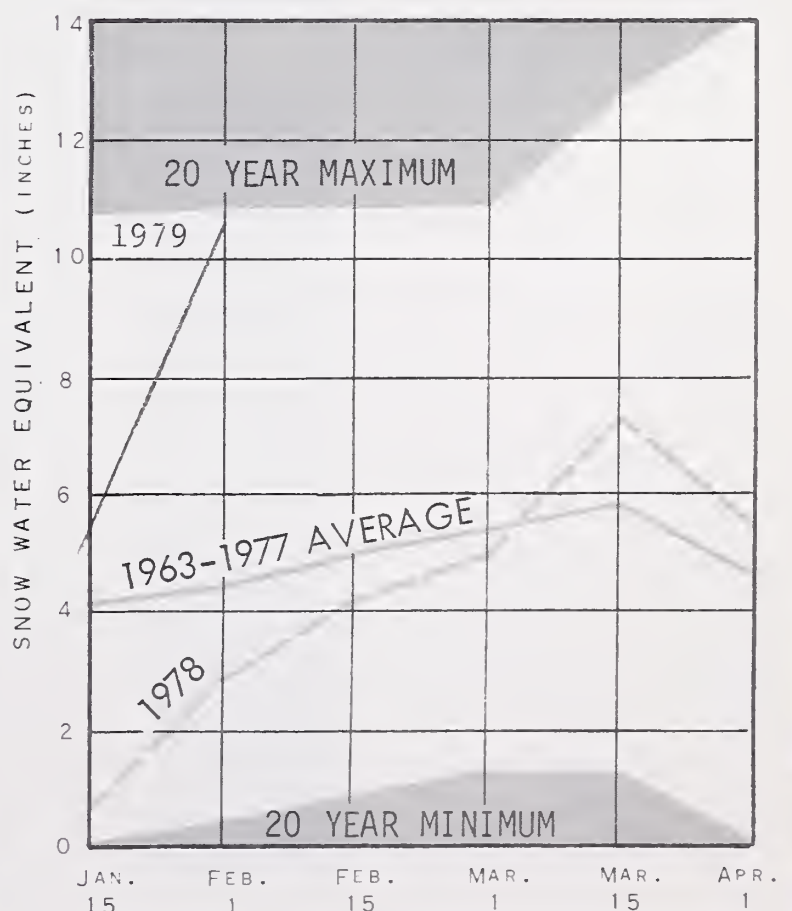
**SALT RIVER**



**VERDE RIVER**



**GILA RIVER**



**LITTLE COLORADO RIVER**

(COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEARS)

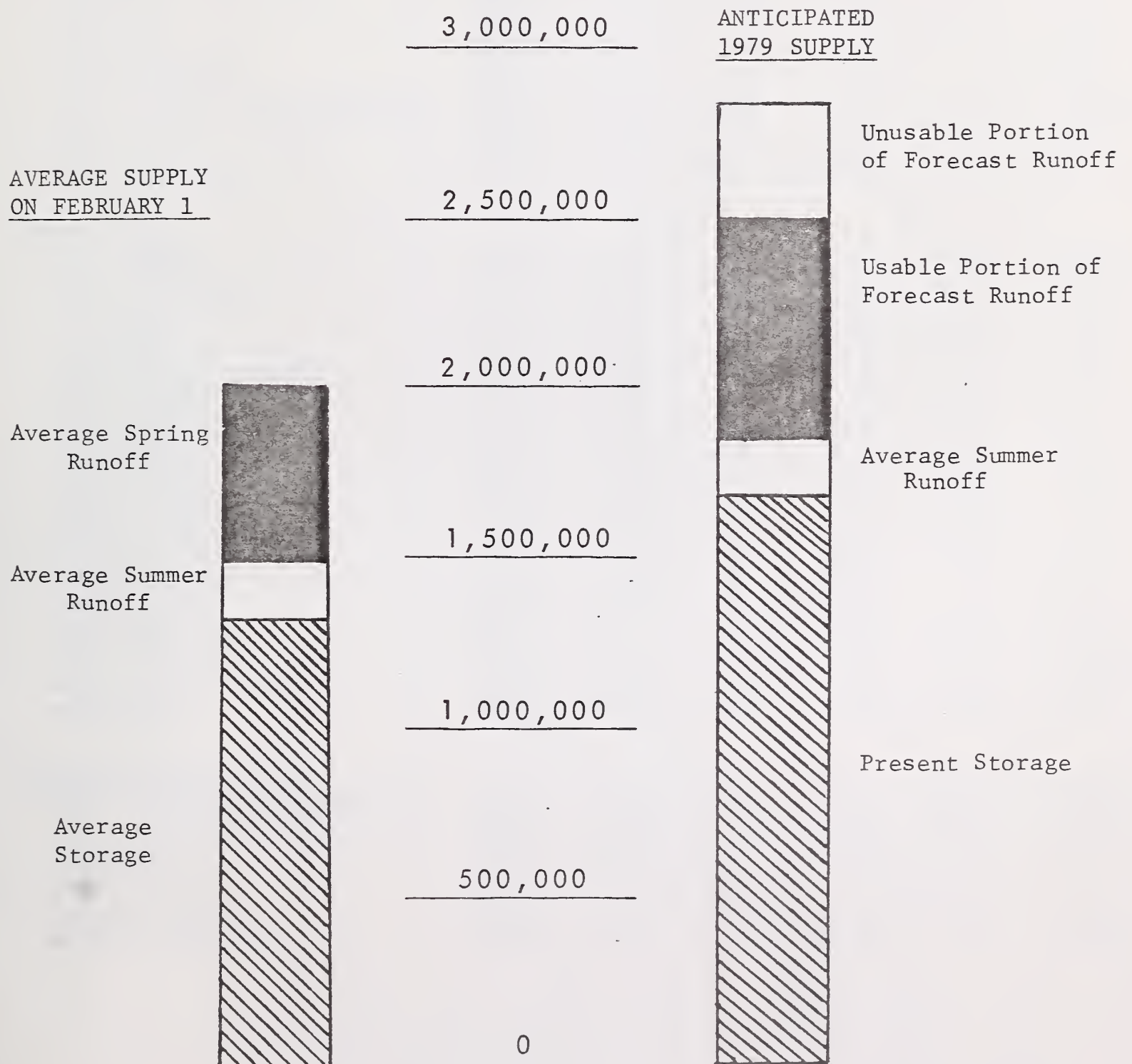
ABOUT FEBRUARY 1, 1979

RIVER BASIN and/or SUB-WATERSHED	Number of Courses Averaged	THIS YEAR'S SNOW WATER AS PERCENT OF:	
		Last Year	Average
Gila	10	302	215
Salt	10	362	264
Verde	10	210	248
Little Colorado	5	448	242



# WATER SUPPLY INVENTORY SALT RIVER VALLEY SYSTEM

IN ACRE-FEET



Based on Present Storage + Forecast Spring Runoff + Average Summer Runoff





# SNOW ABOUT FEBRUARY 1, 1979

DRAINAGE BASIN and/or SNOW COURSE		THIS YEAR			PAST RECORD	
		Date of Survey	Snow Depth (Inches)	Water Content (Inches)	Water Content (inches)	
NAME	Elevation				Last Year	Average †
<u>GILA RIVER</u>						
Bear Wallow	8100	1/31	40	10.8	2.9	3.4
Beaver Head	8000	1/31	31	7.5	2.1	2.5
Coronado Trail	8000	1/31	23	5.2	3.2	2.4
Emory Pass #1 *	7800	1/31	9	2.3	0.2	0.7**
Emory Pass #2 *	7800	1/31	14	4.0	0.7	1.5**
Frisco Divide	8000	1/31	22	4.6	1.3	2.1
Hannagan Meadows *	9090	1/31	59	15.3	4.6	6.8**
Hummingbird (A)	10550	2/2	86	24.1	5.3	10.4**
McKnight Cabin * (A)	9300	2/2	36	7.7	3.0	3.4**
Mogollon	7000	1/31	12E	2.5E	0.0	0.9
Nutrioso	8500	1/31	24	5.3	1.7	1.8
Redstone Trail	8600	1/31	40E	9.0E	3.5	5.6
Rose Canyon	7300	1/31	31	7.6	1.1	2.1
Silver Creek Divide (SNOTEL)	9000	1/31	50E	12.9	4.6	8.1**
State Line	8000	1/30	30	4.9	2.5	2.4
Whitewater (A)	10750	2/2	108	28.1	9.6	12.7**
<u>VERDE RIVER</u>						
Baker Butte	7300	1/31	41	11.1	4.8	5.1**
Baker Butte #2	7700	1/31	58	16.9	9.3	8.2**
Camp Wood	5700	1/31	14	3.1	0.0	0.6
Chalender *	7100	1/31	21	4.4	3.3	2.3
Copper Basin Divide	6720	1/31	22	5.0	2.3	1.6
Fort Valley	7350	1/31	22	5.4	3.0	1.7
Gaddes Canyon	7600	1/30	34	6.8	4.3	3.7
Happy Jack	7630	1/31	42	9.6	4.2	3.1
Iron Springs *	6200	1/31	12	2.6	0.0	0.6
Mingus Mountain	7100	1/30	18	4.1	1.3	0.7
Mormon Lake *	7350	1/31	32	7.6	4.2	3.7
Mormon Mountain	7500	1/31	42	10.5	5.1	4.4
Newman Park	6750	1/31	28	6.4	4.0	2.0
Snow Bowl #1	10260	2/1	62	18.8	6.8	7.0
Snow Bowl #2	11000	2/1	99	27.4	10.2	10.9**
White Horse Lake Jct.	7150	1/31	25	5.4	4.9	2.6**
White Spar	6000	1/31	10	2.2	0.0	0.5
<u>LOWER COLORADO RIVER</u>						
Bill Williams Intermediate	8550	1/31	57	15.3	9.2	6.3**
Bill Williams Summit	8950	1/31	58	16.9	9.4	7.5**
Chalender *	7100	1/31	21	4.4	3.3	2.3
Fort Valley	7350	1/31	22	5.4	3.0	1.7
Grand Canyon	7500	D E L A Y E D			4.4	1.6
Williams Ski Run	7720	1/31	46	11.0	7.2	5.4**

† 1963-77 15-year period. (\*) Adjacent drainage. (\*\*) 1963-77 Adjusted Average. (A) Aerial observation: water content estimated.  
E = Estimate

# SNOW ABOUT FEBRUARY 1, 1979

DRAINAGE BASIN and/or SNOW COURSE		THIS YEAR			PAST RECORD	
		Date of Survey	Snow Depth (Inches)	Water Content (Inches)	Water Content (inches)	
NAME	Elevation				Last Year	Average †
<u>SALT RIVER</u>						
Baldy *	9125	1/30	51	13.1	1.9	5.3
Beaver Head	8000	1/31	31	7.5	2.1	2.5
Canyon Creek	7500	1/31	40	10.0	4.7	3.5
Canyon Point	7600	1/31	42	10.1	6.0	3.8**
Coronado Trail	8000	1/31	23	5.2	3.2	2.4
Forest Dale	6430	1/31	14	2.8	0.0	1.1
Ft. Apache	9160	1/30	52	13.4	2.3	5.6
Hannagan Meadows	9090	1/31	59	15.3	4.6	6.8**
Hawley Lake	8300	1/31	52	12.1	4.5	5.7**
Heber	7600	1/31	39	9.9	5.1	3.5
Maverick Fork	9050	1/30	67	18.2	3.2	6.4
McNary	7200	1/31	34	7.6	1.8	2.2
Milk Ranch	7000	1/31	27	5.8	1.3	1.2
Mt. Ord (A)	11000	1/20	96	26.9	---	---
Nutriosos *	8500	1/31	24	5.3	1.7	1.8
Promontory Butte	7930	1/31	59	16.2	12.2	9.5**
Smith Cienega (A)	9850	---	---	---	---	---
Sunrise Summit	10600	D E L A Y E D			5.3	11.0**
Wilson Lake	9000	1/29	65	13.9	4.2	7.1**
Workman Creek	6900	1/31	41	10.0	4.3	5.0
<u>LITTLE COLORADO RIVER</u>						
Baldy	9125	1/30	51	13.1	1.9	5.3
Canyon Creek	7500	1/31	40	10.0	4.7	3.5
Canyon Point	7600	1/31	42	10.1	6.0	3.8**
Cheese Springs	8600	2/1	34	8.1	2.4	4.7**
Forest Dale	6430	1/31	14	2.8	0.0	1.1
Ft. Apache	9160	1/30	52	13.4	2.3	5.6
Fort Valley	7350	1/31	22	5.4	3.0	1.7
Happy Jack *	7630	1/31	42	9.6	4.2	3.1
Heber	7600	1/31	39	9.9	5.1	3.5
Lake Mary	6970	1/31	23	5.4	1.6	---
McNary	7200	1/31	34	7.6	1.8	2.2
Mormon Lake	7350	1/31	32	7.6	4.2	3.7
Mormon Mountain	7500	1/31	42	10.5	5.1	4.4
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Promontory Butte	7930	1/31	59	16.2	12.2	9.5**
Snow Bowl #1	10260	2/1	62	18.8	6.8	7.0
Snow Bowl #2	11000	2/1	99	27.4	10.2	10.9**
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		Date of Survey	Snow Depth (Inches)	Water Content (Inches)	Water Content (inches)	
NAME	Elevation				Last Year	Average †
<u>GILA RIVER</u>						
Bear Wallow	8100	1/15	14	4.1	1.3	3.2
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Coronado Trail	8000	1/15	4	0.9	0.0	2.7
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Hummingbird (A)	10550	N O	S U R V E Y		---	9.3**
McKnight Cabin * (A)	9300	N O	S U R V E Y		---	3.4**
Mogollon	7000	1/15	0E	0.0E	0.0	1.4
Nutrioso	8500	1/15	4	1.0	0.0	2.1
Redstone Trail	8600	1/15	13E	4.0E	1.3	5.2
Rose Canyon	7300	1/15	8	2.6	1.0	2.1
Silver Creek Divide	9000	1/15	22E	6.2E	2.0	7.2**
State Line	8000	1/15	6	0.9	0.0	2.5
Whitewater (A)	10750	N O	S U R V E Y		---	11.0
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Happy Jack	7630	1/12	13	3.3	0.9	3.0
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Coronado Trail	8000	1/15	4	0.9	0.0	2.7
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Maverick Fork	9050	1/16	42	10.9	0.0	5.6
McNary	7200	1/15	10	1.9	0.1	2.7
Milk Ranch	7000	1/15	4	1.0	0.3	1.9
Mt. Ord (A)	11000	N O	S U R V E Y		---	---
Nutriososo *	8500	1/15	4	1.0	0.0	2.1
Promontory Butte	7930	1/15	26	7.2	4.1	7.0**
Smith Cienega (A)	9850	N O	S U R V E Y		---	---
Sunrise Summit	10600	1/15	57	17.0	3.0	9.8**
Wilson Lake	9000	1/15	33	8.3	1.1	6.1**
Workman Creek	6900	1/9	8	2.1	4.1	5.0
<u>LITTLE COLORADO RIVER</u>						
Baldy	9125	1/16	32	8.0	0.0	4.7
Canyon Creek	7500	1/15	13	3.3	1.4	3.4
Canyon Point	7600	1/15	13	3.1	1.5	3.6**
Cheese Springs	8600	1/15	16	3.5	0.0	4.2**
Forest Dale	6430	1/15	2	0.6	0.0	1.8
Ft. Apache	9160	1/16	30	7.4	0.6	4.9
Fort Valley	7350	1/15	7	2.0	1.0	1.6
Happy Jack *	7630	1/12	13	3.3	0.9	3.0
Heber	7600	1/15	13	3.2	1.5	3.5
Lake Mary	6970	1/15	5	1.5	0.2	---
McNary	7200	1/15	10	1.9	0.1	2.7
Mormon Lake	7350	1/15	13	3.5	0.9	3.5
Mormon Mountain	7500	1/15	19	5.0	1.2	4.1
Nutriososo *	8500	1/15	4	1.0	0.0	2.1
Promontory Butte	7930	1/15	26	7.2	4.1	7.0**
Snow Bowl #1	10260	1/15	43	15.0	3.5	6.0
Snow Bowl #2	11000	1/15	65	21.4	6.0	9.2**
Wilson Lake	9000	1/15	33	8.3	1.1	6.1

† 1963-77 15-year period. (\*) Adjacent drainage. (\*\*) 1963-77 Adjusted Average. (A) Aerial observation: water content estimated.

## EARLY SEASON SURVEYS

1978-1979

<u>SNOW COURSE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DEPTH</u>	<u>WATER CONTENT</u>
Baker Butte No. 1	12/12/78	8	1.8
	1/4/79	8	2.9
Baker Butte No. 2	12/12/78	15	4.1
Baldy	12/12/78	14	4.0
Bright Angel	12/3/78	29	5.9
	12/15/78	33	7.5
	1/2/79	39	8.8
Canyon Point	12/12/78	8	2.1
	1/4/79	7	2.3
Bill Williams Summit	11/17/78	20	5.0
	12/1/78	25	7.7
	12/15/78	29	9.0
Bill Williams Intermediate	11/17/78	17	3.8
	12/1/78	19	5.7
	12/15/78	25	7.0
Frisco Divide	12/13/78	4	0.8
Fry	1/5/79	11	3.6
Hannagan Meadows	12/13/78	13	3.4
Heber	12/13/78	9	2.0
	1/4/79	7	2.2
McNary	12/12/78	7	1.7
Mormon Mountain	1/4/79	12	4.3
Newman Park	1/5/79	1	0.5
Promontory Butte	1/4/79	16	5.2
White Horse Lake Jct.	1/5/79	3	1.1
Wilson Lake	12/13/78	17	4.1
Williams Ski Run	11/17/78	11	1.7
	12/1/78	12	3.0
	12/15/78	19	4.5





## SOIL MOISTURE ABOUT FEBRUARY 1, 1979

DRAINAGE BASIN and/or STATION		Profile (Inches)		Date of Survey	Soil Moisture (Inches)		
Name	Elevation	Depth	Capacity		This Year	Last Year	Average +
<u>GILA RIVER</u>							
Frisco Divide	8000	48	13.3	1/31	13.8	6.4	9.0
<u>SALT RIVER</u>							
Black River Divide	9100	48	16.8	1/30	17.4	14.2	16.7
Canyon Creek	7500	48	18.3	1/31	18.5	13.6	16.4
Corduroy Creek	6000	36	13.5	1/31	14.0	7.1	9.6
McNary	7200	48	16.3	1/31	17.7	14.0	15.4
<u>VERDE RIVER</u>							
Mormon Mountain	7500	48	16.1	1/31	17.6	14.2	15.6
Newman Park	6750	48	17.7	1/31	19.6	14.9	16.0
+ 1963-77 15-year average							

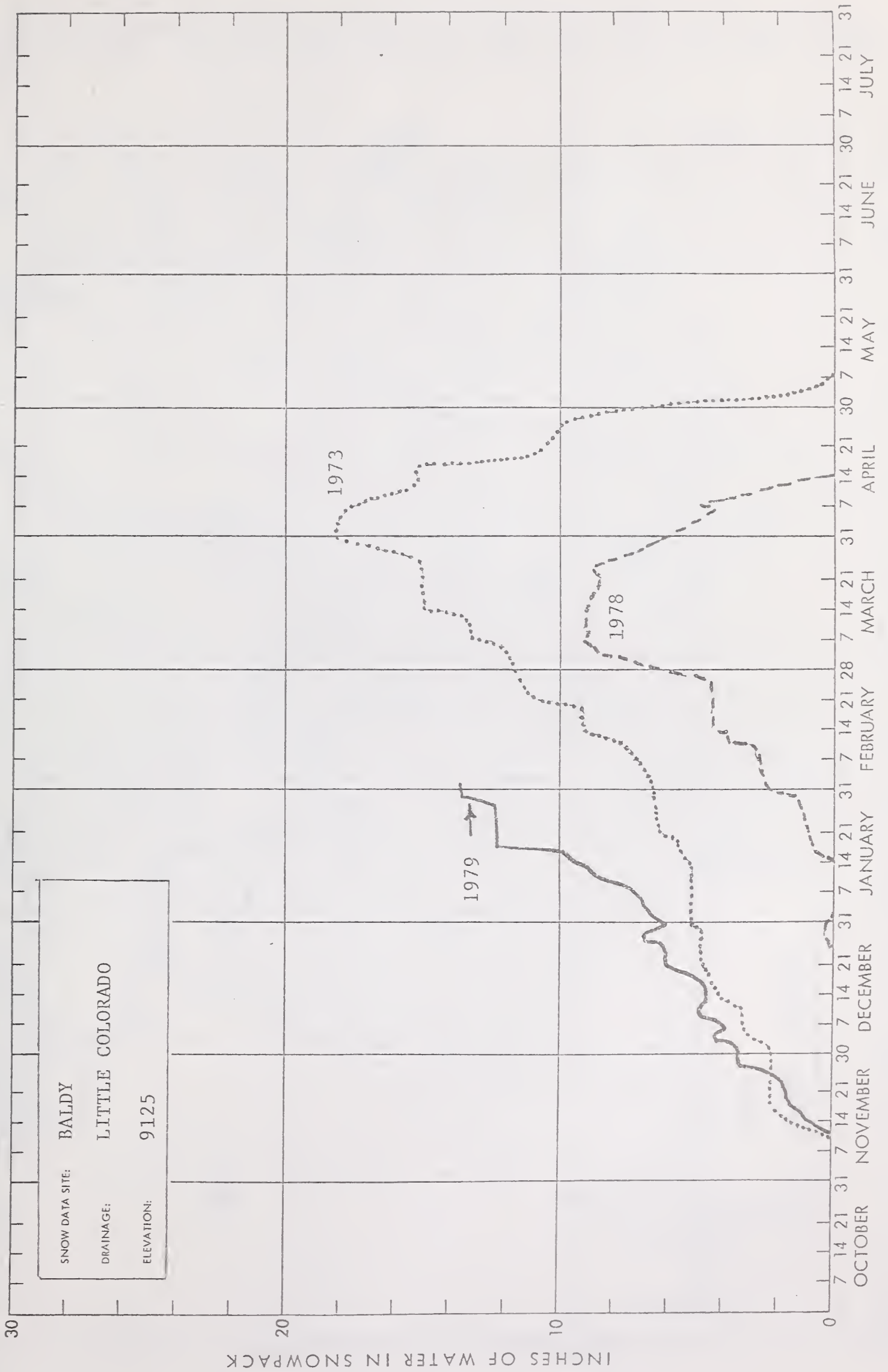
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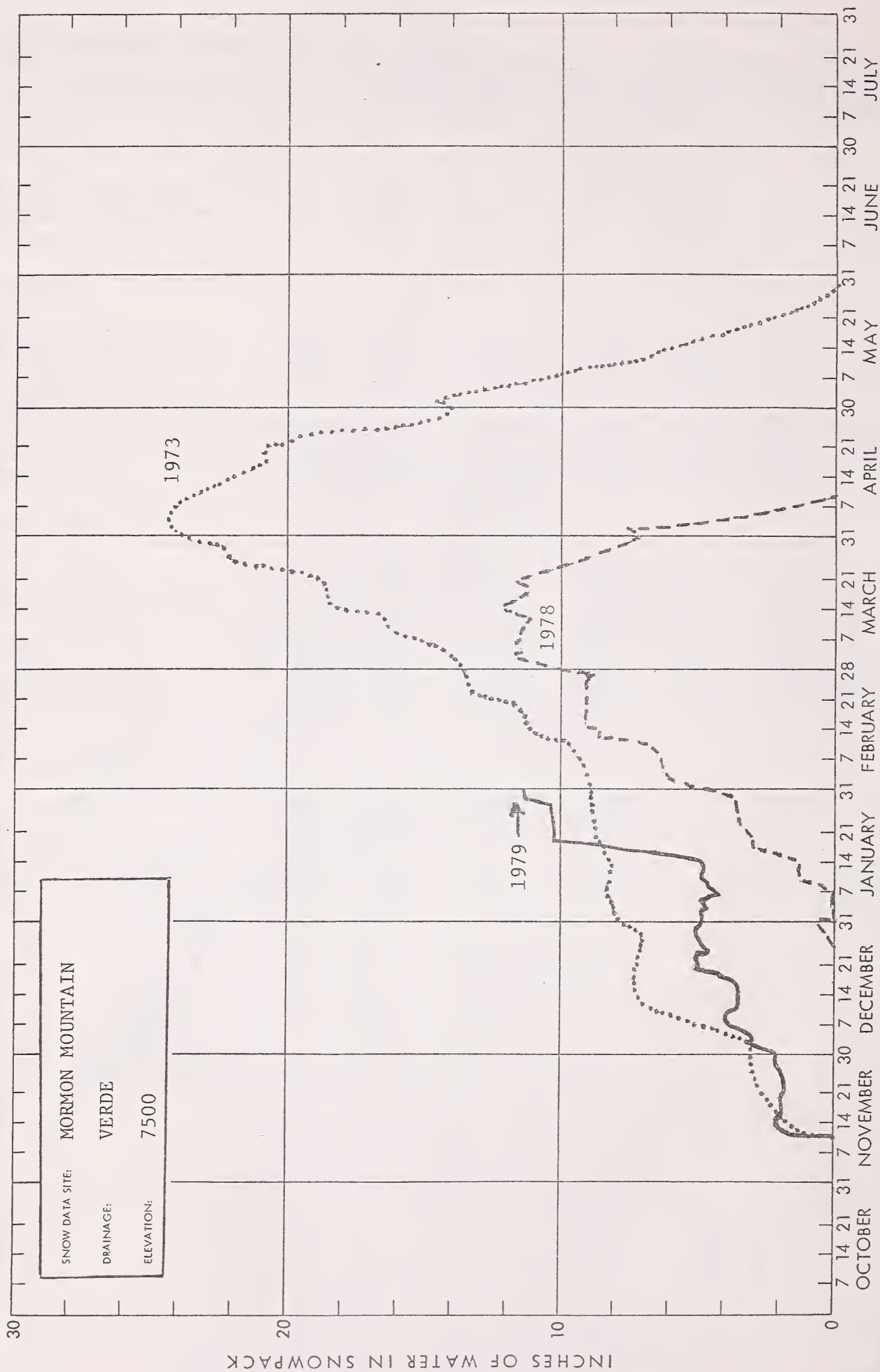
# PRECIPITATION (Inches) ABOUT FEBRUARY 1, 1979

DRAINAGE BASIN and PRECIPITATION GAGE LOCATION	ELEVATION	CURRENT INFORMATION			FROM APPROX. NOV. 1 TO DATE		
		Date of Reading	Month's Precipitation	Average †	This Year	Average †	Percent of Average
<u>GILA RIVER</u>							
Silver Creek Divide	9000	1/31	7.10	2.07 *	27.30	8.26*	331
Hannagan Meadows **	9030	1/31	9.40	2.30	27.05	7.36	368
Frisco Divide **	8000	1/31	4.15	---	18.23	---	---
<u>SALT RIVER</u>							
Canyon Point	7600	1/31	9.57	2.96*	26.78	10.85*	247
Hannagan Meadows **	9030	1/31	9.40	2.30	27.05	7.36	368
Little Wildcat (Heber Snow Course)	7600	1/31	8.85	2.65	23.03	9.02	255
Maverick Fork	9050	1/30	9.29	2.39	23.89	7.72	309
Workman Creek **	6970	1/31	9.74	3.30	30.38	10.18	298
Wilson Lake	9100	1/29	6.52	1.98*	17.54	7.00*	251
<u>VERDE RIVER</u>							
Baker Butte	7300	1/31	9.10	2.70*	25.62	10.17*	252
Copper Basin Divide	6720	1/31	6.05	1.75	22.25	6.80	327
Fort Valley **	7350	1/31	3.61	1.44	11.14	5.22	213
Happy Jack **	7480	1/31	7.55	2.23	20.75	7.12	291
Mingus Mountain	7660	1/30	5.25	1.45	16.55	5.12	323
Mormon Mountain	7500	1/31	7.17	2.89	26.09	10.44	250
White Horse Lake Jct.**	7150	1/31	4.66	---	17.09	---	---
<u>LITTLE COLORADO</u>							
Greer Lakes	8500	D E L A Y E D		.95		3.93	
Little Wildcat (Heber Snow Course)	7600	1/31	8.85	2.65	23.03	9.02	255
Sheep Crossing (Baldy Snow Course)	9125	1/31	6.80	2.02	20.07	6.93	290
† 1963-77 Average * Adjusted Average ** Data Supplied by U.S. Forest Service							



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NUMBER	NAME	SEC.	TWP.	RGE.	ELEV.	DRAINAGE	OBSERVER	RECORD BEGAN
11P10A	Agassiz	32	23N	7E	11200	Little Colorado	SCS-CF*	1968
11R7	Baker Butte #2	9	12N	9E	7700	Verde	SCS	1971
11R6PSPRT	Baker Butte	4	12N	9E	7300	Verde	SCS	1966
9S1APSPRT	Baldy	28	7N	27E	9125	Little Colorado	SCS	1950
9S15	Baldy #2	12	6N	26E	9750	Little Colorado	SCS	1963
9S16	Baldy #3	13	6N	26E	10950	Little Colorado	SCS	1963
10T1	Bear Wallow	6	12S	16E	8100	Gila	FS	1948
9S6	Beaver Head	13	4N	30E	8000	San Francisco	FS	1938
12P5	Bill William Intermediate	17	21N	2E	8550	Cataract	FS	1967
12P4	Bill Williams Summit	17	21N	2E	8950	Verde	FS	1967
9S10m	Black River Divide	10	6N	27E	9400	Salt	SCS	1954
9S18PSPRT	Bonito Rock		5N	26E	8270	Salt	SCS	1979
12N1	Bright Angel	34	33N	3E	8400	Bright Angel Creek	NPS	1947
12R1	Camp Wood	3	16N	6W	5700	Verde	FS	1946
10R7M	Canyon Creek #2	18	11N	15E	7500	Little Colorado	SCS	1958
10R9P	Canyon Point	28	11N	14E	7600	Salt	SCS	1967
12P1M	Chalender	27	22N	3E	7100	Verde	FS	1947
9R7	Cheese Springs	28	8N	27E	8600	Little Colorado	SCS	1969
12R6P	Copper Basin Divide	23	13N	3W	6720	Verde	SCS	1963
10R8m	Corduroy Creek	4	8N	21E	6000	Salt	SCS	1954
9S7PSPRT	Coronado Trail	26	5N	30E	8000	San Francisco	FS	1938
7T1	Emory Pass #1	16	16S	9W**	7800	Mimbres	SCS	1967
7T2	Emory Pass #2	16	16S	9W**	7800	Mimbres	SCS	1967
11P13PSPRT	Fry	35	20N	5E	7220	Verde	SCS	1978
10R6	Forest Dale	2	9N	21E	6430	Salt	BIA	1939
9R5	Ft. Apache	18	7N	27E	9160	Little Colorado	SCS	1951
11P2P	Ft. Valley	22	22N	6E	7350	Little Colorado	FS	1947
8S1MPSPRT	Frisco Divide	31	6S	20W**	8000	San Francisco	FS	1938
12R4	Gaddes Canyon	11	15N	2E	7600	Verde	SCS	1954
11P1	Grand Canyon	21	30N	4E	7500	Hance Creek	NPS	1947
9S11PSPRT	Hannagan Meadows	19	3N	29E	9090	San Francisco	FS	1964
11R5P	Happy Jack	30	16N	9E	7630	Verde	FS	1951
9R10PSPRT	Hawley Lake	13	7N	24E	8300	Salt	BIA	1966
10R4PSPRT	Heber	28	11N	15E	7600	Little Colorado	SCS	1950
8S9A	Hummingbird	19	11S	17W**	10550	Gila	SCS	1964
11P9R	Inner Basin #1	28	23N	7E	10000	Little Colorado	SCS	1967
11P8P	Inner Basin #2	28	23N	7E	9750	Little Colorado	SCS	1967
12R2	Iron Springs	22	14N	3W	6200	Little Colorado	SCS	1946
11P12	Lake Mary	21	19N	9E	6930	Little Colorado	SCS	1975
7S3PSPRT	Lookout Mountain	1	10S	10W	8500	Gila	SCS	1978
9S2APSPRT	Maverick Fork	13	6N	27E	9150	Salt	SCS	1950
7S3A	McKnight Cabin	10	15S	10W**	9300	Mimbres	SCS	1967
9R2MPSPRT	McNary	23	8N	23E	7200	Salt	BIA	1939
9R1	Milk Ranch	33	8N	23E	7000	Salt	BIA	1941
12R3	Mingus Mountain	3	15N	2E	7100	Verde	SCS	1947
8S2	Mogollon	2	11S	19W**	7000	San Francisco	SCS	1953
11R4	Mormon Lake	13	18N	8E	7350	Little Colorado	SCS	1947
11R3MAPSPRT	Mormon Mountain	14	18N	8E	7500	Verde	SCS	1950
11R11	Mormon Mountain Summit	2	18N	8E	8470	Little Colorado	SCS	1975
9S12A	Mt. Ord	4	6N	26E	11200	Salt	SRP-SCS	1966
11P5M	Newman Park	25	19N	6E	6750	Verde	SCS	1963
9S4	Nutriso	23	6N	30E	8500	San Francisco	FS	1938
11R10PSPRT	Promontory Butte	5	11N	13E	7930	Little Colorado	SCS	1973
8S7	Redstone Trail	5	11S	18W**	8600	San Francisco	SCS	1961
10T2	Rose Canyon	15	12S	16E	7300	Gila	FS	1948
8T1PSPRT	Signal Peak	13	16S	13W	8360	Gila	SCS	1977
8S8PSPRT	Silver Creek Divide	4	11S	18W**	9000	San Francisco	SCS	1964
9S14A	Smith Cienega	10	6N	26E	10050	Salt	SRP-SCS	1966
11P4	Snow Bowl #1	36	23N	6E	10260	Verde	FS	1961
11P6	Snow Bowl #2	31	23N	7E	11000	Verde	FS	1965
9S8	State Line	6	6S	21W**	8000	San Francisco	FS	1938
9S17	Sunrise Summit	36	7N	26E	10600	Salt	SCS	1972
11R8PSPRT	Sugarloaf	8	8E	14N	6120	Verde	SCS	1978
12P2P	White Horse Lake Jct.	2	20N	2E	7180	Verde	FS	1967
12R5	White Spar	19	13N	2W	6000	Verde	SCS	1963
8S10A	Whitewater	19	11S	17W**	10750	Gila	SCS	1964
12P3	Williams Ski Run	9	21N	2E	7720	Cataract	FS	1967
9R6P	Wilson Lake	4	7N	26E	9000	Salt	SCS	1966
10S1PSPRT	Workman Creek	33	6N	14E	6900	Salt	FS	1952

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